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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims that follows replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the claims

in the application.

Please amend the claims as follows without prejudice. No new matter has been added by

way of these amendments.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for developing prospects to recover valuable components on

identified property of an interest owner which comprises:

a. Making available to potential prospecting participants through a computer-based network

a first set of property information for the identified property and interest owner

conditions under which a potential prospecting participant will submit a

proposal for prospecting the property including a compensation schedule for the

participant which has at least two options for compensation selectable by the

participant and content requirements for the proposal for prospecting;

b. Receiving by the interest owner through a computer based network from a potential

prospecting participant, who [[has]] agreed agrees to said interest owner conditions, a

proposal for prospecting the property;

c. Evaluating the proposal for prospecting submitted to the interest owner to determine if it

is acceptable to the interest owner;

d. Awarding rights to prospect the property to such potential prospecting participant if the

proposal for prospecting is acceptable to the interest owner;

e. Allowing the participant given the award to access through a computer-based network an

additional set of property information comprising a detailed property database

residing on a computer network controlled by the interest owner to allow such

participant to interpret data from the database and prepare an interpretation report

identifying at least one specific prospect on the property potentially containing

valuable components;

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f. Submitting the interpretation report to the interest owner for an evaluation to determine if

the interest owner will pursue the prospect;

g. Determining to pursue the prospect based on the evaluation, wherein the prospect is

pursued by the interest owner; and

[[g]] h. Providing any compensation required to the participant during any stage of the above

according to the compensation schedule.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said valuable components comprise gas or oil or

combination thereof, said database includes seismic data and the interest owner will pursue the

prospect by undertaking a well completion to the prospect.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further characterized wherein the participant

accessing the detailed property database [[has]] agreed agrees to interest owner conditions of

restricted use and disclosure of detailed property database.

4. (Currently Amended) A method for developing prospects to recover valuable components on

identified property of an interest owner which comprises:

a. Making available to potential prospecting participants through a computer-based network

a first set of property information for the identified property and interest owner

conditions under which a potential prospecting participant will submit submits a

proposal for prospecting the property including a compensation schedule for the

participant which has at least two options for compensation selectable by the

participant and content requirements for the proposal for prospecting;

b. Receiving by the interest owner through a computer based network from a potential

prospecting participant, who [[has]] agreed agrees to said interest owner conditions, a

proposal for prospecting the property;

c. Evaluating the proposal for prospecting submitted to the interest owner to determine if it

is acceptable to the interest owner;

d. Awarding rights to prospect the property to such potential prospecting participant if the

proposal for prospecting is acceptable to the interest owner;

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e. Allowing the participant given the award to access through a computer-based network an

additional set of property information comprising a detailed property database

residing on a computer network controlled by the interest owner to allow such

participant to interpret data from the database and prepare an interpretation report

identifying at least one specific prospect on the property potentially containing

valuable components;

f. Submitting the interpretation report to the interest owner for an evaluation to-determine if

the interest owner will pursue the prospect;

g. If the interest owner-declines to pursue the prospect, awarding Awarding such participant

a limited time opportunity to obtain [[other]] an interested party parties to pursue

such prospect with the interest owner when the interest owner declines to pursue the

prospect based on the evaluation;

h. Obtaining the interested party, wherein the prospect is pursued by the interested party; and

i. [[h.]] Providing any compensation required to the participant during any stage of the above

according to the compensation schedule.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said valuable components comprise gas or oil or

combination thereof, said database includes seismic data and the interest owner will pursue the

prospect by undertaking a well completion to the prospect.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 further characterized wherein the participant

accessing the detailed property database has agreed agrees to interest owner conditions of

restricted use and disclosure of detailed property database.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for developing prospects to recover oil or gas on identified

property of an interest owner which comprises:

a. Making available to potential prospecting participants through a computer-based network

a first set of property information comprising two or more seismic sections and well

log information for the identified property and interest owner conditions under which

a potential prospecting participant will submit submits a proposal for prospecting the

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property including a compensation schedule for the participant which has at least two options for compensation selectable by the participant and content requirements for the proposal for prospecting;

- Receiving by the interest owner through a computer based network from a potential prospecting participant, who has agreed agrees to said interest owner conditions, a proposal for prospecting the property;
- c. Evaluating the proposal for prospecting submitted to the interest owner to determine if it is acceptable to the interest owner;
- d. Awarding rights to prospect the property to such potential prospecting participant if the proposal for prospecting is acceptable to the interest owner;
- e. Allowing the participant given the award to access through a computer-based network an additional set of property information comprising a detailed property database including seismic data residing on a computer network controlled by the interest owner to allow such participant to interpret data from the database and prepare an interpretation report identifying at least one specific prospect on the property potentially containing oil or gas components;
- f. Submitting the interpretation report to the interest owner for <u>an</u> evaluation to determine if the interest owner will pursue the prospect;
- g. Determining to pursue the prospect based on the evaluation, wherein the prospect is pursued by the interest owner; and
- <u>h.</u> [[g.]] Providing any compensation required to the participant during any stage of the above according to the compensation schedule.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 further characterized wherein the participant accessing the detailed property database has agreed agrees to interest owner conditions of restricted use and disclosure of detailed property database.
- 9. (Currently Amended) A method for developing prospects to recover oil or gas on identified property of an interest owner which comprises:

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> a. Making available to potential prospecting participants through a computer-based network a first set of property information comprising two or more seismic sections and well log information for the identified property and interest owner conditions under which a potential prospecting participant will submit submits a proposal for prospecting the property including a compensation schedule for the participant which has at least two options for compensation selectable by the participant and content requirements for the proposal for prospecting;

- b. Receiving by the interest owner through a computer based network from a potential prospecting participant, who has agreed agrees to said interest owner conditions, a proposal for prospecting the property;
- c. Evaluating the proposal for prospecting submitted to the interest owner to determine if it is acceptable to the interest owner;
- d. Awarding rights to prospect the property to such potential prospecting participant if the proposal for prospecting is acceptable to the interest owner;
- e. Allowing the participant given the award to access through a computer-based network an additional set of property information comprising a detailed property database including seismic data residing on a computer network controlled by the interest owner to allow such participant to interpret data from the database and prepare an interpretation report identifying at least one specific prospect on the property potentially containing oil or gas;
- f. Submitting the interpretation report to the interest owner for <u>an</u> evaluation to determine if the interest owner will pursue the prospect;
- g. If the interest owner declines to pursue the prospect, awarding Awarding such participant a limited time opportunity to obtain [[other]] an interested party parties to pursue such prospect with the interest owner when the interest owner declines to pursue the prospect based on the evaluation;
- h. Obtaining the interested party, wherein the prospect is pursued by the interested party; and
- <u>i.</u> [[h.]] Providing any compensation required to the participant during any stage of the above according to the compensation schedule.

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10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9 further characterized wherein the participant accessing the detailed property database has agreed agrees to interest owner conditions of restricted use and disclosure of detailed property database.